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In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the patent application identified above. A copy of each cited reference is enclosed herewith.

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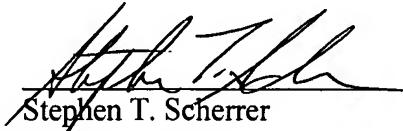
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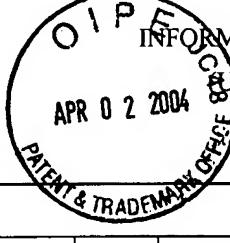
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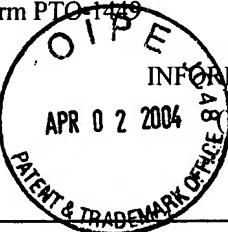


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